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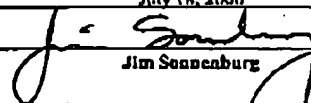
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on May 18, 2006 by the United States Patent and Trademark Office regarding the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action is due on August 18, 2005. This response is being submitted WITHIN TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of the Final Office Action. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.